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SUBJECT: SUSI ON U.S. FOREIGN POLICY: PARAMARIBO, SURINAME

REF: SECSTATE 155055

¶1. (SBU) Post is pleased to submit the following information for the candidate nomination.

¶A. Nominee's full name as it appears on passport;

Last name: Rudge
First name: Eric
Middle name: Patrick

¶B. Date of birth (Month, Day, Year):

November 16, 1960

¶C. City of birth:

Paramaribo

¶D. Country of birth:

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¶E. Country of Residence:

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¶H. Gender:

Male

¶I. Medical, Physical, Dietary or other Personal Considerations:

None

¶J. Current position and Title:

Professor of Law at the Anton de Kom University of Suriname;
Currently lecturing for the courses

a. Public International Law

b. The Law of Treaties

c. English Law, American Law and Law of the Caribbean.

¶K. Current Institutional Affiliation and complete address:

Anton de Kom University of Suriname.
Address: Leysweg 86, Paramaribo, Suriname

¶L. Work Experience, including previous positions and titles;

- 1980-1987: Teacher in mathematics at different levels of education

- 1987-1993: Staff member at the Central Bank of Suriname, General Secretariat and Legal Affairs Department

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- 1993-1994: Teacher in mathematics at different levels of education
- 1995-present: Professor of Law at the Anton De Kom University of Suriname; currently lecturing: International Law; Previous courses taught: Introduction to Law, Moot Court (Inter-American Human Rights System), Human Rights Law, Comparative Law and Introduction to Civil Law.
- 1999: Appointed Assistant Judge to the High Court of Justice of Suriname by the president of the Republic of Suriname
- 2002: Appointed as a member of the Presidential Committee of Legal Experts in Human Rights to advise the government on human rights matters.
- 2006: Appointed Deputy Agent of the State of Suriname in Case no. 12.338, Twelve Saramaka L's, pending before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
- 2007: Appointed by the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, H.E. Jose Miguel Insulza, to the Network of Democracy Practitioners in the Western Hemisphere

M. Education, Academic and Professional Training, including degree earned and fields of specialization:

- November 1989: Anton de Kom University of Suriname, "Meester in de Rechten" (Mr.) degree in Surinamese Law. Graduation thesis on the Foreign Exchange Legislation of several Caribbean states.
- February-April 1990: Training on drafting legislation, Anton de Kom University of Suriname and the University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- November 1993: Special Training to become a Judge or Prosecutor - A joint program by the Anton De Kom University of Suriname, the Department of Justice and Police, the Dutch Training Institute for Judges and Prosecutors, Stichting Studiecentrum Rechtspleging (SSR), Zutphen, and The Netherlands
- August 1995-May 1997: The American University, Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, USA, Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree; relevant courses: International Law, International Criminal Law, International Narcotics Control, Trade & Environment, International Environmental Law, Advanced Human Rights Law, International Contracts, International Banking
- November-December 1998: The Hague Academy of International Law, International Course on the Protection of the Human Rights for Judges, Lawyers and other Legal Practitioners, Peace Palace, The Hague, The Netherlands.
- October 2000-August 2001: Romulo Gallegos Fellow at the Inter American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States. Primary focus on the Caribbean states, U.S.A and Canada.
- September 2004: training Seminar on International Humanitarian Law for University Teachers, International Committee of the Red Cross, and the University Centre for International Humanitarian Law, Geneva, Switzerland.
- June 2005: 1st Teachers Training and Curriculum Design Workshop for Universities in the Caribbean, International Committee of the Red Cross, Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.
- December 2005: Democracy and Liberty in Contemporary Public International Law-Democracia Y Libertad en el Derecho Internacional Contemporaneo- The Hague Academy of International law and Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, 33rd External International Program for University Professors, Diplomats and other Officers of Foreign Affairs, Lima, Peru.
- June 2006: South America Dialogue on WTO dispute Settlement and Sustainable Development. Exploring Strategies to Enhance the Participation of Developing Countries in WTO dispute Settlement, Organized by the ICTSD, IDCID, Ecsola de Dereito de Sao Paolo da Fundacao Getulio Vargas and GIAN, Sao Paolo, Brasil.
- September 2006: 2nd Specialized Course of State Employees on the use of Litigation on the Inter-American System of Human Rights, organized by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Institute on Human Rights, San Jose, Costa Rica.
- December 2006: 2nd Teachers Training Curriculum Design Workshop for Universities in the Caribbean, International Committee of the Red Cross, Bridgetown, Barbados.
- September 2007: 30th Sanremo Roundtable on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, International Institute of Humanitarian law (IIHL), International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Italian Government, Sanremo, Italy.

N. Active Professional Memberships:

- Secretary of Suriname Jurist Association
- Secretary of the Editorial Board of Surinaams Juristen Blad-SBJ- a legal periodical published in Suriname
- Secretary of the Institute of International Relations of the Anton de Kom University of Suriname
- Member of the Faculty Committee: Border Dispute Suriname-Guyana

O. Publications:

- The Military Judge, published in Surinaams Juristen Blad, December 2007 (Dutch)
- The Issue of Landrights: A Human Rights Perspective, Published in "Schaal" by the Caribbean Institute, September 2007 (Dutch)
- The Inter-American Commission, Judge on Appeal, Surinaams Juristen Blad, April 2007 (Dutch)
- Development is an affirmative choice, March 2006 (Dutch)
- The right of prisoners to vote. Is article 58 of the Constitution in Violation of Contemporary International Law, May 2005 (Dutch)
- Mathematic Assignments for Middle and Higher Education, May 2005 (Dutch)
- "The Cards are distributed?" The election of the Secretary General of the O.A.S. April 2005 (Dutch)
- Ignorance or unfamiliarity? The border dispute Suriname-Guyana, February 2005 (Dutch)
- Demonstration of Power in Violation of the General Established Rules of International law. The War against Iraq. April 2003 (Dutch)
- Suriname and the Inter-American Human Rights System, May 2002 (Dutch and English)

P. Previous Experience in the United States:

- 1995-1997 : Washington, DC, for study at The Washington College of Law, The American University, the International Legal Studies Program
- May 2000: Training on human rights and the military, organized by the Defense University.
- October 2000-2001: Washington, DC, for an in-house training as a human rights attorney, Romulo Gallegos Fellow at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS.
- September 2007: Orientation visit with students from the ADEK University of Suriname to several institutions, organizations and universities in the USA.

Q. Family Residing in the United States:

Candidate has no immediate family members residing in the USA.

R. Evidence of English Fluency:

Candidate has an excellent command of the English language as determined by personal conversations with American Embassy officers.

S. Statement by commission/post justifying participation of nominee in the Institute:

Mr. Rudge is an experienced Professor teaching international law at the Anton de Kom University. He is also an active member of the University Institute of International Relations who works at strengthening the ties of international organizations with the University.

(1) Current or projected extent of the U.S. studies content of the course(s) and materials being taught or developed by the candidate:

The Anton de Kom University is the sole university in Suriname, and has no specific courses dedicated to U.S. studies. Mr. Rudge is currently teaching a course on English Law, American Law, and Law of the Caribbean.

Mr. Rudge is the Embassy's point-man at the Anton de Kom University to expose Surinamese students to the United States. He has partnered with the U.S. Embassy on many occasions over the past two years in order to teach his students about the United States, in particular our perspectives on international relations and international law. Examples of his coordination with the Embassy to expose his students to U.S. issues include: arranging yearly lectures on the U.S. electoral system by U.S. speakers, and

partnering with the Embassy to organize Ambassador-hosted lunches on topics such as educational competitions and student trips to the United States. Post is currently planning a video showing of a docudrama on trafficking in persons for Mr. Rudge's students, and is also planning a digital video conference on international crime. In addition, Mr. Rudge arranged and headed a tour of the United States with 18 of his students.

Expanding Mr. Rudge's knowledge of U.S. Foreign Policy will be key to enhancing U.S. Embassy outreach to future leaders of Suriname. Participation in this program on U.S. Foreign Policy will prepare Mr. Rudge to pass this information on to his students, and provide him with ideas on how to include additional U.S.-related issues in his curriculum. Eventually, this could lead to a course on U.S. Foreign Policy at the University.

(2) Likely relevance of the program to the professional responsibilities of the candidate:

Mr. Rudge has responsibility for teaching his students about international law, but he has worked issues related to the United States into his curriculum. Many issues related to U.S. Foreign Policy are directly or indirectly linked to international law. For example, Mr. Rudge works professionally on human rights issues in international law, and this would benefit from greater exposure to this key pillar of U.S. foreign policy. We expect Mr. Rudge's participation in this program to give him greater knowledge about the U.S. foreign policy process and how decisions on U.S. positions in the international arena are made. With the acquired experience, the candidate will be able to include this in his lectures to his students.

(3) The potential impact of the candidate's participation on a greater understanding of American society and/or culture at his/her home institution:

We expect a great impact on the Anton De Kom University from Mr. Rudge's participation in this program. We have been expanding our engagements with this University, which as the sole university in Suriname, is turning out the future generation of judges, lawyers, and government officials. Including information on the United States in the coursework of the international law courses is a key mechanism for reaching these audiences. As Mr. Rudge expands his students' exposure to the United States, it could lead the board of the university to include an entire course on U.S. studies to the curriculum.

(4) The relevance of the candidate's participation in the Institute to the post/commission long-term U.S. studies goals and the post's MPP:

The first goal in Post's Mission Strategic Plan is Mutual US/Suriname appreciation and respect, contributing to a more effective partnership. The Embassy seeks to provide Surinamers within and outside the government with a positive perception of the United States. We do this by emphasizing the positive aspects of U.S. policy. Among the key partners to do this is the Anton de Kom University.

A second goal of Post's Mission Strategic Plan is to support Strong democratic and judicial systems, supported by effective law enforcement. We work to assist the Government of Suriname in strengthening its judicial institutions by training judges and prosecutors. Through outreach to Mr. Rudge's students, we are exposing the judges and prosecutors of the future to issues related to the United States-Suriname bilateral agenda.

I. Personal Statement:

Currently I am lecturing the following courses in the major International Law at the ADEK University of Suriname, Faculty of Social Sciences:

- (1) Public International Law
- (2) The Law of Treaties
- (3) English Law, American Law and Law of the Caribbean.

Previously I have lectured, among others, the following courses:

- (1) International Humanitarian Law
- (2) Human Rights Law

- (3) Comparative Law
- (4) Moot Court Competition on the Inter-American Human Rights System.

The abovementioned courses are all linked to my Master of Laws (LL.M.) specialization at the Washington College of Law at the American University in Washington, DC (1995 - 1997) and the Romulo Gallegos Fellowship with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States (2000-2001).

In addition, I am also in charge of coordinating the major international law at the ADEK University of Suriname, which means that in cooperation with the other colleagues, I draft proposals regarding the curricula of the major. To be able to present curricula that will give the leaders of tomorrow the possibility to have a good perspective of important regional and world issues, it is mandatory that I must have a broad overview of the several aspects of international law, international relations and other related aspects.

I therefore applaud the opportunity to attend this special program. This will give me a good insight of the position, view and arguments of the U.S.A., currently the sole superpower in the world; with regard to among others its foreign policy.

With the knowledge gained from this program I will be able to present several international activities, events, acts of states in a more balanced manner to my students at the ADEK University of Suriname. This will certainly give them a better (read comparative) understanding of the issues that are roaming in the international arena.

Every one knows that referring to the USA as the sole super power in the world, the phrase "high trees are exposed to a huge amount of wind" is applicable. It is in my opinion necessary to share with the world why due to the wind a "high tree" bows in a certain direction. This will certainly help to change an unbalanced (read negative) picture one, particular students in Suriname, might have of the U.S.A. with regard to its role (foreign policy) in the international arena.

Paramaribo, February 08, 2008
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